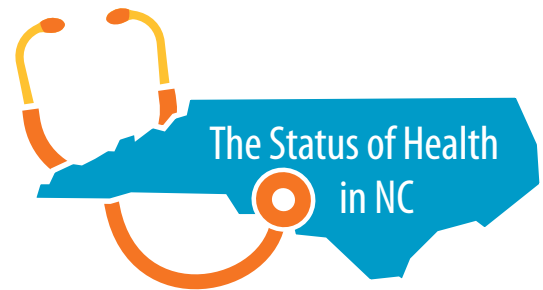


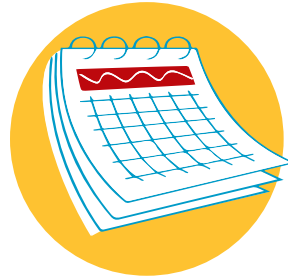
Strong investments in services that support North Carolinians living with a substance use disorder help NC become a healthier place to live



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?



Emergency room visits for opioid overdoses in NC have **doubled** since 2010.



The number of North Carolinians over age 12 reporting illicit drug use in the past month has **increased by 15%** since 2008.

SOURCE: NC DETECT, 2010-2017; National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2008-2016

WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS IN NC?

The majority of funding for substance use services is financed through the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Substance Abuse.



Funding for community-based substance use programs has **decreased by 95%** since 2008.



Federal funds are heavily supporting NC's efforts to address the opioid epidemic. In 2017, NC received a **\$31 million** federal grant to fund treatment and recovery services and the state provided **\$400,000** in limited one-time funds for pilot programs working to decrease overdoses.

SOURCE: OSBM, 2008-2019

WHY TREATMENT MATTERS



✓ Investing in effective community-based treatment and wraparound supports is essential for supporting individuals living with substance use disorders.

✓ When North Carolinians living with substance use disorder receive care early and often, costs are reduced for everyone.

✓ Meeting the needs of North Carolinians living with a substance use disorder requires coordinated strategies across multiple sectors so that folks have opportunities for secure employment, transportation to and from treatment, and strong social supports.